

Humorous Department

Squared Himself.—Fighting Lord Charlie Beresford and Sir Redvers Buller, both deservedly earned a high reputation for bulldog tenacity of purpose.

During a Nile campaign Lord Charles and Sir Redvers, descending some "bad water" in a river steamer, got into a discussion as to the proper channel to be taken. Each obstinately defended his own course, but in the end Buller got his own way, with the result that the steamer ran through safely.

"You see, I was right!" cried the general. "Mine was the proper channel."

"That was mine, too," coolly replied Lord Charles. "I only recommended the other because I knew you would go against whatever I said."

Keeping His Word.—There are a lot of four-flushers who go through without learning that four-flushing is a fine art. Such are beneath contempt. But one has great admiration for those who have mastered the game.

"If a man called me a liar," asserted one such, "I'd sail in and lick him, if he weighed 300 pounds."

"Well, you big bluff," answered one who was tired of listening, "I call you right here and now. You're a liar!"

"Bluff yourself!" came back the artist, without a minute's hesitation. "You don't weigh more than one-fifty and you know what I said."—Hartford Courant.

Slightly Mixed.—Dr. C. A. Smith of the University of Virginia, in a recent after dinner speech, told the following story:

"A creole friend of mine was giving French lessons to an Englishman, who in turn taught him English. After a lesson one day the Englishman said:

"Come round to see me some time and talk English with me. That's the way to learn it."

"I will come viz much palisier," responded the Creole, "but I have ze fear zat I cockroach upon your time."

"You mean henroach," corrected the Englishman.

"Ah, yes. I always get ze genders wrong."—Philadelphia Record.

He Was Sarcastic.—A man in the English veteran's reserves was called up recently. After a week at his new quarters he was brought up not cleaning his rifle one day. Said the officer commanding: "Hem, you're an old soldier re-enlisted. I see. I suppose it will be many years ago since you were reprimanded? What was your last offense? Can you remember what it was?"

The old soldier, with irony on account of the repeated assertions to his age, replied, "For not cleaning my bow an' arrow, sir!"

Not His Lead.—An old time darkey was closing his sermon one night in Paradise alley, and Uncle Rastus, who had been playing cards the night before, was seated in the amen corner sound asleep, dreaming of his favorite game. The old preacher said:

"We will now close dis meetin' wid pray, an' we will ax Bre'r Rastus to lead."

Uncle Rastus suddenly roused himself from his slumber and shouted:

"Taint my lead! I jee deat!"

Naturally.—A boy was coming back from his shooting trip, looking rather dejected.

"Not much luck, eh?" asked a man.

"Shoot anything at all?"

"Shot my dog," laconically answered the boy.

"Shot your dog?" repeated the man.

"Was he mad?"

"Well," answered the boy, "he didn't seem particularly pleased."

The Important Thing.—Pat and a friend were reading an account of a shipwreck, in which they were greatly interested. "Pat," said his friend, "in case of a shipwreck, presence of mind is worth everything else." "Presence of mind, ye say," replied Pat, earnestly. "Faith and I don't agree wid ye. In times of shipwreck, absence of body is of far more importance than presence of mind."—National Monthly.

Some Liar He.—Two aged Scotchmen were discussing high winds with in their memories.

"I mind it bein' his wind," said one, "that it took the crows three oors to free hame frae the corn fields, an' that is no mair than a mile."

"Hoot, man!" the other replied, "I've seen it that windy that the crows had to walk home."

Easily Distinguished.—"He is a very distinguished appearing man. A captain of industry, I'll bet."

"You're wrong. He drives a jitney!"

"How do you know?"

"I tapped him on the shoulder with my fan, and he reached back under his arm for a nicker."

Consistency.—"Don't you think it is extremely vulgar to dress as Miss Stylish does to attract attention on the street?"

"Yes, indeed! I wonder who her dressmaker is?"

"I asked her, but she wouldn't tell me."

To Console Himself.—"I believe," said the impatient man, as he put aside the telephone, "that I'll go fishing."

"Didn't know you cared for fishing."

"Don't ordinarily. But it's the only chance I have of finding myself at the end of a line that isn't busy."

Monotonous.—"I wish you would introduce a little change in your style of dancing."

"How do you mean?"

"You might occasionally step on my left foot instead of the right one."

A Woman's World.—Suffragette—What is a party without women?

Mere Man (flippantly)—A stag party, Suffragette—Exactly. And what, sir, would this nation be without women but stagnation?

A Real Symphony.—Music Teacher—What is your impression of harmony?

Smart Student—A freckle faced girl in a polka dot dress leading a coach dog.—Judge.

Cause and Effect.—"My wife has planned the menu ahead for a month."

"Have you seen 'em?"

"Yes; that's why I'm planning a few trips away."

FACT, FASHION AND FANCY

Paragraphs Calculated to Interest York County Women.

To get rid of ants in the pantry use strong ammonia and an atomizer to squirt into cracks.

Instead of buying expensive gardeners for your plants, paint the ordinary flower pots and saucers with an oil paint to harmonize with the color scheme of the room. Have pots painted a soft leaf green, or Chinese blues are very quaint and decorative.

To remove ink stains from cloth or other absorbent substance, dissolve four ounces of citric acid in two quarts of water that has been previously boiled and cooled. Then add six or eight ounces of a strong, strained solution of borax.

Leather chairs often become greasy looking where the arms and head rest on the leather. To remove these marks boil a half pint of linseed oil and let it stand till nearly cold. Then pour in half a pint of vinegar, stir till it is well mixed and bottle. To use, pour a few drops on a piece of flannel and polish off with soft dusters. This will thoroughly renovate all leathers.

Womancisms:
A woman is such an artful creature she can kiss another woman and make it feel like a curse.

A woman may not understand a baseball card but then neither could a man do much toward figuring out a dress pattern.

A girl hates flattery so much that she will sit in a hammock with a comparative stranger at a summer resort and listen to it by the hour.

Before marriage if she gives him a look of her hair he is so proud he walks on air; afterward let him find a hair on the food and he goes up in the air, but he wants to walk on her neck.

Where there's buttermilk and jam. Where there's mighty mounds of ham. Where there's watermelon pickle. Where there's everything to tickle.

Any palate in the land. Where there's chicken fried so brown. Where there's gravy always round. Where there's good, plain folks to love you.

Honest folks who ain't above you. In the country on the farm. Where about the only harm. Can befall you is that just You may eat enough to "bust."

Where the birds sing their refrain. Down sequestered country lanes. Where the blue sky bends above. And the breezes whisper "love."

Where the lambskins frisk and play. Where I long to be frisk. So my money I shall hoard. For they charge you there for board.

—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Summer frocks are of transcendent interest just now. White net is used for lingerie dresses this season.

The washable white net is selected, and when the pretty frock is soiled it may be sent to the laundress along with white dimity and lawn costumes.

These white net dresses are rather simply made, with ruffled skirts, or full, gathered skirts tucked in groups. Shirrings are lovely in net, but they do not launder satisfactorily neither do net pleatings; so it is best to use narrow white lace or frilled footings as a trimming on bodice and sleeves.

Snap-fasteners close such a frock invisibly, and usually there is a slip of accordion pleated daphne silk, or of pussy willow taffeta to go underneath.

Such a frock may be worn at a very informal afternoon affair, or with handsome sash, tinted pussy willow lining and dainty slippers—at a very formal evening affair in summer.

Be sincere in what you say of others. If you cannot think nice things about them, do not say anything at all. You should never run down others in your speech, so if you cannot praise, be silent.

If you are forced to utter an opinion about a person you dislike, pick out the one point you find to admire in that person and mention that.

Unfortunately, it is all too seldom that the real hypocrite recognizes herself in her true nature. She usually garbs herself in a cloak of self-righteousness, covering her inward self with a mask of dissimulation.

Her "I-am-better-than-thou" attitude succeeds in deceiving most of the world, including herself as well. This pharisaism is one of the commonest characteristics of the hypocrite. It is better to be blunt and outspoken than to be hypocritical. The hypocrite may make more friends, but the frank person knows her friends are true.

You want your friends to like you for what you are—not for what you are not, but pretend to be.

LETTER TO TRUSTEES
Important Information as to How to Secure State Aid.

Hon. J. E. Swearingin, state superintendent of education, has sent out the following letter to the boards of trustees in the fifty-six York county school districts, which is self-explanatory.

Your school district will probably desire to receive a continuance of its state aid during the scholastic year of 1915-16. Before your board has completed all its plans for next session I recommend that you consult your county superintendent about a term extension application, a rural graded school application, or a high school application. Last year there were 677 term extension districts; 400 rural graded school districts; and 130 high school districts.

I urge you to plan for a seven months' term, if possible. This term can be secured if your monthly salary account is adjusted to your estimated income. If you find it difficult to run your school seven months, please communicate with your county superintendent and the state superintendent.

The state department of education recommends that no teacher be allowed or required to take charge of more than fifty pupils in one classroom. This suggestion is offered in the hope of preventing the wasteful and hurtful overcrowding of the first four grades.

Teachers and trustees of state-aided schools should communicate with the state superintendent wherever they find it difficult to limit the number of pupils to fifty in the teacher.

Section 1761 of the Code authorizes trustees to employ only those teachers who hold valid South Carolina certificates. Attention to this requirement of the law before the opening of the school will help to avoid confusion later.

Application blanks for term extension aid, rural graded school aid or high school aid are obtainable from either the county superintendent or the state superintendent.

the state superintendent. A full supply of these blanks have already been sent to each county superintendent.

In filling out an application of any kind please see that all data are neatly, fully and accurately entered. Please do not make the mistake of sending in an application unless it has been carefully examined and verified both by the trustees and by the county superintendent.

Notwithstanding the business unrest and industrial depression, the scholastic year 1914-15 was in many respects the best in the history of our schools. I wish every school continued progress and greater usefulness during 1915-16.

It will be a pleasure and a privilege to serve you at any time to the best of my ability and to co-operate in any constructive plan for the betterment of your school and your district.

HAPPENINGS IN THE STATE

Items of Interest From All Sections of South Carolina.

The city of Columbia proposes to register all local washerwomen.

Justice Lamar of the United States supreme court, visited relatives in Columbia this week.

The governor has appointed N. W. Edens a magistrate in Marlboro county, to succeed E. Powers, deceased.

Governor Manning has granted a parole to Bob Dobson, a white man from Spartanburg, who is serving a sentence for burglary.

A. H. Wells was nominated for alderman in Ward 1 in Greenville Tuesday, defeating R. M. Dacus, incumbent, by a majority of 187 votes.

Fifty-six cases were tried before the police recorder of Columbia Monday. Most of the defendants were charged with being drunk and disorderly.

A coroner's jury, sitting at Winnsboro Monday, charged Ernest Isenhour, who is now in the state penitentiary, with the murder of Deputy Sheriff Boulware, who died in a Columbia hospital a few days ago.

Governor Manning paid a visit to the penitentiary Tuesday. While there he talked with Ernest Isenhour, Jesse Morrison and Jim Rawls, who are held in connection with the Winnsboro tragedy.

The Iowa Firemen's association has offered to pay the Swamp Fox Hose company, the fire company of Marion, \$1,000 to bring its wagon and horses to Iowa City, Ia., for the firemen's tournament to be held there July 20, 21 and 22.

Former Governor Cole L. Blaise has accepted an invitation to address the conference of governors, to be held in Boston next month. He will speak on the "Duty of Chief Executives in Dealing With Prisoners."

B. F. Earle, R. W. Hammond and V. B. Cheshire of Anderson, have petitioned the secretary of state for a charter for the "Feeders and Clothiers of the World," a secret farmers' organization.

The strike which has been in progress at the Brogan Mills in Anderson for several days past on account of the mill management refusing to leave open the wooden doors on the sides of the mill, has been settled by the local authorities consenting to install screen doors on the sides, instead of those of wood, thus giving the ventilation which the mill workers demanded.

Governor Manning has written to Sheriff Hendrix Rector of Greenville county, stating that he has information that much whisky is being sold to the soldiers of the Second regiment of militia, who are now in camp in Greenville, and the sheriff has written the governor stating that there is no foundation for the story. According to the Greenville papers, the soldiers have been unable to pay any great amount of whisky.

A legal test will be made in Spartanburg in a few days to determine whether the game of golf may be played on Sunday at the Country club of Spartanburg, without violating the state laws. Residents of the vicinity in which the club is located have complained of Sunday playing and the club authorities claim that since the club grounds are private property the members have a right to play golf on Sunday or any other day.

ODD INCIDENTS
Bits of News Out of the Ordinary Gathered from Exchanges.

Twenty crabs were found covered with fish when a coveydam on the government dam on the Ohio river below Evansville, Ind., was pumped out. People from miles gathered up the crabs in baskets and buckets.

Helen Bradford, 10 years old, of Des Moines, Ia., has graduated from the high school and made arrangements to enter Iowa University in September. She will be the youngest student at the university for more than ten years.

A pebble, pinched between the pavement and an automobile tire, was hurled against a nearby plate glass window in Wapakoneta, O., with such force that it pierced the glass in the same manner as if a bullet had been fired through it.

C. S. Stafford of Atlanta, Ga., who was taken ill five years ago, was placed in the city detention hospital. He threatened to commit suicide if he was removed, so the health authorities have put him on the payroll for \$10 weekly to prevent his carrying out his threat.

Herman Morris and wife of Hillsboro, O., while playfully struggling, knocked a pistol from the hands of a visitor, which was discharged. The bullet passed through Morris' body and entered the heart of Mrs. Morris, killing her instantly. Morris died shortly afterward.

Pretty pink toes and the ambition of a snapping turtle nearly caused the death of Mae Lesser, 18 years old, of Herndon, Pa. While swimming, Miss Lesser suddenly disappeared beneath the water, and when dragged out, a snapping turtle was found clinging to her toe.

A colt has been born on a farm near Romney, Indiana, which is minus the forelegs. Where the right forelegs should be there are two legs about six inches long. One of these has the foot of a dog and the other of a cat. The animal is expected to live.

Miss May Stehle, in charge of the cloakroom at a hotel in Seattle, Wash., is untidy about her dress. If it desired she could make \$2,500 a year in addition to her salary. "But," she says, "I would lose my self-respect."

The hotel management could, if it desired, fire Miss Stehle, and save her salary, and to boot, sell the cloakroom "privilege" for \$150 a month.

Mrs. Paul Breaux of Lafourche Parish, La., claims to be the oldest mother in the south. She is 110 years and has great-grandchildren among her 1,000 descendants. Her youngest child is in the seventies. Another, still living, is over ninety.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

Items of Interest Gathered from All Around the World.

During the first six months of this year 641 divorce cases were put through the courts of New York city.

Of the 40,000 school teachers in the German armies, 4,900 are reported as killed up to June 30.

Ten thousand garment workers went on a strike in New York Monday, 8,000 others threaten to strike in sympathy.

Seventy thousand members of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine are attending the imperial convocation at Seattle, Wash., this week.

Samuel Ross, a Philadelphia painter, is serving a ten days' sentence for desecration of the American flag, having wrapped the flag around his dog to protect the animal from flies.

Thomas A. Edison has accepted an invitation from Secretary Daniels to head an advisory board of civilian inventors for a bureau of invention and development to be created in the navy department.

Sir Thomas Lipton of London, who went to Serbia in his yacht, the Erin, a short time ago, to bring back fifteen American nurses, half of whom had contracted typhus fever, has himself contracted Mediterranean fever.

The world's Christian Endeavor convention adjourned in Chicago Monday, after adopting a resolution demanding that all church workers unite to procure a "saloonless" United States of America. The convention will hold its next meeting in New York in 1917.

Divers, operating for the recovery of the Italian submarine Medusa in the Adriatic, saw a Turin dispatch, have discovered another submarine, evidently Austrian, near by on the bottom. It is evident that both were sunk in a submarine duel.

Al Jennings, one-time bandit, now an evangelist, had the novel experience of being held up by highwaymen in California a few days ago.

He lost \$1, having slipped \$25 in a paper bag under his seat when the highwaymen entered the car he was occupying.

A small runaway, the gift of her friends, to Dr. Anna Shaw, the famous woman's suffrage leader, has been seized by the tax collector of Media, Pa., for unpaid taxes. Dr. Shaw claims the car is not liable to taxation in Pennsylvania, as her permanent home is in New York state.

The United States Steel corporation officials have issued orders for all of its plants to be placed in operation at full capacity. The unfilled orders of the corporation on June 30, are figured at 4,678,196 tons. When all the plants are running full blast they will employ 500,000 men with a payroll of \$450,000,000 per year.

London reports that the German cruiser Konigsberg, which in the fall of last year took refuge from the British fleet in the Rufiji river, in German East Africa, has been totally wrecked by British river monitors. The British casualties were four men killed and six wounded. The Konigsberg, a vessel of 3,346 tons, had a speed of 23 knots.

More than 48,000,000 cent pieces, 4,375,539 nickels, 22,430,000 dimes, nearly 2,000,000 quarters, 1,422,550 half dollars and \$40,533,810 in gold were coined by the United States government during the fiscal year ending June 30. Official mint figures also show a coinage of 22,157,700 pieces for foreign governments. Nearly 2,000,000 pieces were coined for the Philippine government.

Consul General Cheshire at Canton, China, has sent the following dispatch to the state department at Washington: "Unprecedented floods. Great distress among the Chinese in the interior of Kwangtung and Kwansi. Many lives lost. Shamen flooded two or three feet. There is a total cessation of trade and railroad traffic. Confusion to suffering humanity urgently needed at once. Kindly inform the Red Cross and the Christian Herald."

Rev. Olympia Brown, president of the Federal Suffrage association, and the first woman ordained for the ministry in the United States, in opening the national convention of the association at San Francisco Monday, said in part: "We must start our girls to studying for the ministry. The men have been lured away from their duties as ministers by frills and pink teas. The trouble with our ministry is that the men ministers spend their time writing pretty essays that will please their parishioners, instead of driving hard at reforms."

When the army estimates are submitted to the next congress, they will include a provision for the creation of a machine gun company for every regiment of infantry and cavalry. These organizations have machine platoons, and some of the regiments have as many as four machine guns; but these platoons are all provisional and without legal status. The total number of machine guns in the army is about 180, as compared with 50,000 in the British, Austro-Hungarian and Russian armies.

DREADFUL BAYONET CHARGES
Jane Addams Says Soldiers Will Make Them Only When Drunk.

Soldiers in the European war must be made drunk before they will obey commands for bayonet charges, was the amazing statement made by Jane Addams in a discussion of her experiences in the warring European countries last Monday night in Carnegie hall, New York.

German, French and English were specifically mentioned by her in this connection.

"Young men in these countries say, 'Ah, the bayonet charge. That is what we dread.'"

"They give them beer in Germany, rum in the English army and absinthe in the French. They have to give them the dose, so to speak, before a bayonet charge is possible," said Miss Addams.

The occasion was a reception to Miss Addams and other delegates to the international congress of women to promote peace held at The Hague in the last days of April.

Miss Addams declared that many on both sides are deliberately refusing from taking the lives of their opponents.

Says Soldiers Refuse to Kill.
"We met a young German in Switzerland who had been in the trenches three months and a half," she said, "and who had been wounded in the lungs. He was recuperating."

"He was at 28 facing death, and this is what he said, speaking his mind before he went back to the trenches. That never for those three months and a half had he shot his gun in a way that could possibly kill another man."

"He declared his brother was an officer who, he knew, never shoots in a way that will kill. And, he said, 'I know hundreds of young men who are the same.'"

"At one hospital in Germany I learned of five young Germans who had been cured and were ready to be sent back to the trenches who had committed suicide because they were afraid they would be put into a position where they would have to kill someone else."

"We also heard similar stories in France."

Miss Addams declared one of the leading men in Europe had declared that if the war could have been postponed for ten years it would have been impossible because of the tremendous revolt against war in the schools and universities.

"I have no plan," said Miss Addams, "and I have never dreamed of advising the president. But it seems to me that if a set of people could be gotten together who have had international experience to make propositions to the warring nations for the end of the war on humane grounds—I am sure negotiations would be received favorably."

"When we spoke to the people we were told that the people did not want the war, that the government was making it. We did not reach the military, but we heard from people who said some of the military were sick of this war."

"In practically all of the foreign offices the men said again in very similar phrases that a nation at war cannot make negotiations, cannot even express a willingness to receive negotiations, because the enemy construes it as an acknowledgment of weakness. But, it was agreed, if some other power presents propositions, if neutral peoples will make propositions, one after another, until something is found upon which negotiations may be begun there is not one of the warring nations that would not be glad to receive such service."

Miss Addams declared that she and her companions who were delegated as a committee by The Hague congress of women to sound the nations as to the prospect for peace never talked peace.

"The word is intolerable to them," she said, "We simply asked what could be done to substitute some form of civil negotiation in place of continuing to fight out the issue on a military basis."

Blames Older Men for War.
Everywhere Miss Addams and her companions, she said, heard the war was an old man's war—that the young men who were doing the fighting did not want the war.

"Somewhere in church or state, somewhere in high places of society, the elderly and middle-aged people have established in their own minds that this was a righteous war and must be fought; and as the young men put it in certain countries, these elder men were hounding the young fellows on to do the fighting."

"That is a terrible indictment. I admit I cannot substantiate it. I submit it as an impression."

"When peace comes," said Miss Addams, "it must come through the people within the warring countries getting in touch with each other, which they cannot now do under the strict military censorship."

ODDS AND ENDS
Some Things You Know and Some You Don't Know.

Single trees have been known to produce 20,000 oranges.

India consumes one-sixth of the world's supply of quinine each year.

Weather reports from Gibraltar are sent to London daily by wireless telegraphy.

The biting apparatus of a flea is only one-twelfth the diameter of the finest needle.

For holding a plate on the tray of a child's high chair is the purpose of a recently patented clip.

A porous glass for ventilation is being made in France, the holes being small enough to exclude dust and drafts.

Although built early in the Christian era without mortar, a stone church in Ireland still is in excellent condition.

There are ten joints in a New York inventor's table that can be folded up more compactly than most devices of the kind.

One of the new farm tractors is featured by a gasoline motor running inside a large wheel, which it moves over the ground.

Paris dentists have found that sour milk will cure certain diseases of the mouth and gums heretofore difficult to overcome.

Since the purchase of Alaska by the United States its waters have yielded fishery products valued at more than \$250,000,000.